(*a*) recognised vaidyans;
(*b*) vaidyans in charge of vaidyasalas who receive grant;
(*c*) vaidyans in charge of Ayurveda hospitals receiving grant?

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: *Statements required are laid on the table.

Co-operative Societies in the Coastal Villages.

111. *MR. E. P. VARGHESE (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of co-operative societies now in working order in the coastal villages of Trivandrum Division?

MR. P. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Registrar of Co-operative Societies*): 13.

Depredations of wild elephants in certain pakuthies of the Nedumangad taluk.

112. *MR. M. RAMAIAH PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): With reference to the measures adopted for the protection of the ryots of certain pakuthies of Nedumangad taluk from the depredations of wild elephants, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representations from the people of the taluk that the operations now carried on are not adequate or efficient enough;

(*b*) whether there have recently been several instances of wild elephants escaping from the pits dug to catch them;

(*c*) whether steps have been taken to prevent such escapes of wild elephants from the pits; and

(*d*) whether in the localities, *viz.*, Thenmala, Pannkuzhi, Puzhupara, Kottapara, Vayalipulla and Malayamtheri, where extensive devastation is done by wild elephants, there are no operations carried on to catch the wild elephants or to protect the ryots from their havoc?

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: (*a*) One petition was received from the member.

(*b*) There was one instance of a rogue tusker falling into the pits and escaping as it was too big for the pits.

(*c*) It is not possible to prevent the escape of such huge animals.

(*d*) Elephant pits were made this year in Kottur side where damages by wild elephants were more complained of. It is not possible to conduct capturing operations all of a sudden at every place where wild elephants are seen, as they are naturally roaming from one locality to another.

MR. M. RAMAIAH PILLAI. May I know why deep pits are not dug to avoid the escape of even the bigger elephants.

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: The liklihood of the animal escaping is greater in bigger pits than in smaller ones.

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MR. M. RAMAIAH PILLAI: May I know whether the Government have received any application from private agencies for permission to shoot the tusker referred to in the answer?

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: I am not aware.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: കുലശേഖരം, പൊൻമന എന്നീ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ കാട്ടാനയുടെ ശല്യം ഉണ്ടാകുകയും ഒരാളെ ചവിട്ടി കൊല്ലുകയും ചെയ്തു എന്നുള്ള വിവരം അറിയാമൊ?

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: I am not aware.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: പൊന്മന എന്ന സ്ഥലത്തു മുൻപു ഒരു ആനക്കുഴി ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നതായി അറിയാമൊ?

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നിരിക്കാം.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: ആനയുടെ ശല്യം ഉണ്ടെന്നു ബോധ്യപ്പെടുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ആനയുടെ ഉപദ്രവത്തിൽ നിന്നു രക്ഷ കിട്ടുന്നതിനു വേണ്ട ഏർപ്പാടുചെയ്യുന്നതിനു മടിയുണ്ടാകുമൊ?

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: അതിനെപ്പറ്റി അപേക്ഷിക്കുമ്പോൾ അതു ലോചിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

Staff in the Salt Factories.

113. ***MR. D. FRANCIS** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement of the Excise staff in the salt factories in South Travancore now (1-11-1113)?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: A statement* is laid on the table.

Price of paddy imported into the State.

114. ***MR. D. FRANCIS:** Will the Government be pleased to state the total net value of paddy imported into the State from foreign countries for each of the Malabar years 1110, 1111 and 1112?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR:

Year.	*Value.* Bh. Rs.
1110	44,05,153
1111	29,33,150
1112	13,86,910

A case of death by hanging near Nagercoil.

115. ***MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a human body was found hanging on a tree near Maravankudyiruppu village near Nagercoil, during the month of Chittrai or Vykasi 1113;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in affirmative, the date when it was brought to the notice of the Police authorities; and

(*c*) the action taken thereon?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 15-9-1113.

(*c*) It is being enquiredinto by the Police.

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